

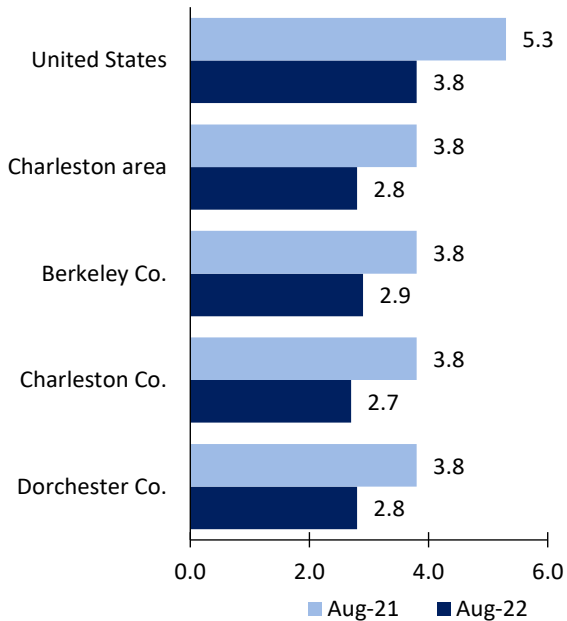
Charleston, SC, Area Economic Summary

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This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. For more area summaries and geographic definitions, see www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm.

Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas

Unemployment rates

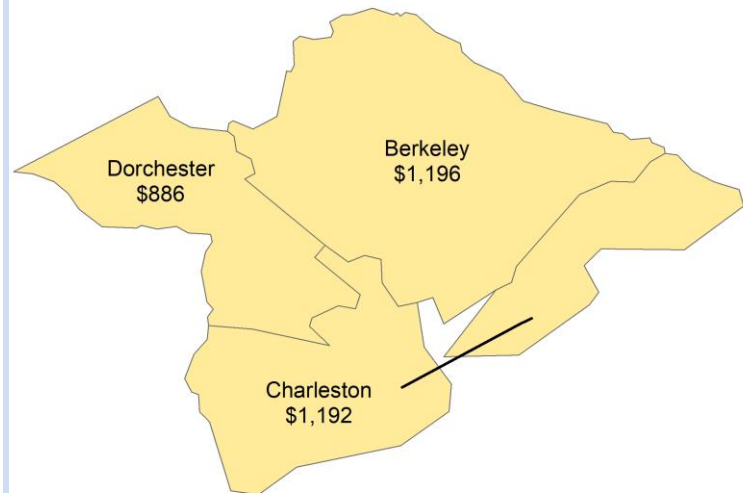


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Charleston area, first quarter 2022

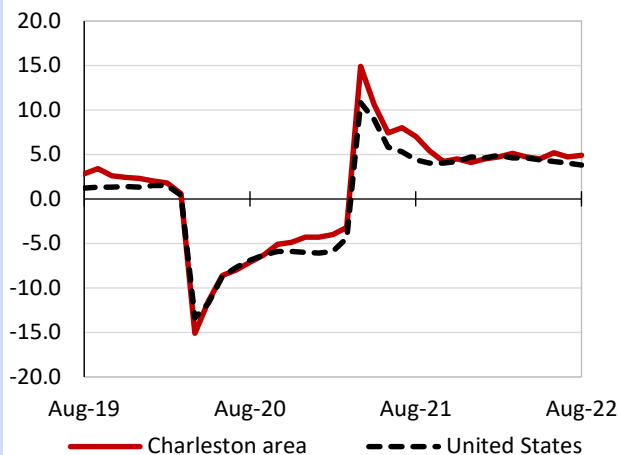
(U.S. = \$1,374; Area = \$1,161)



Source: U.S. BLS, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector

12-month percent changes in employment



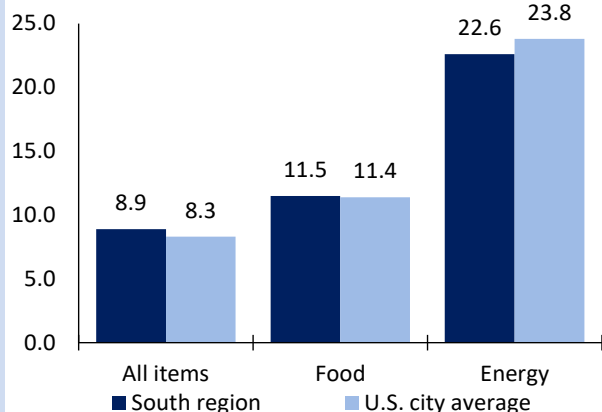
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Charleston area employment (number in thousands)	Aug. 2022	Change from Aug. 2021 to Aug. 2022	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	395.1	18.3	4.9
Mining, logging, and construction	22.1	0.7	3.3
Manufacturing	29.2	1.2	4.3
Trade, transportation, and utilities	69.8	1.6	2.3
Information	7.9	0.6	8.2
Financial activities	17.2	0.4	2.4
Professional and business services	64.5	6.6	11.4
Education and health services	44.0	0.3	0.7
Leisure and hospitality	54.5	5.9	12.1
Other services	15.7	0.8	5.4
Government	70.2	0.2	0.3

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories

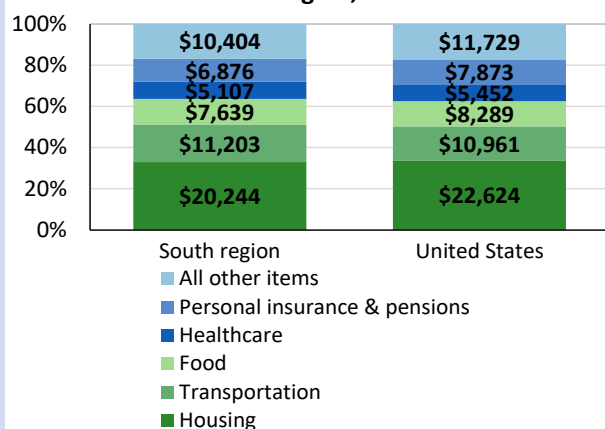
12-month percent change in CPI-U, August 2022



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

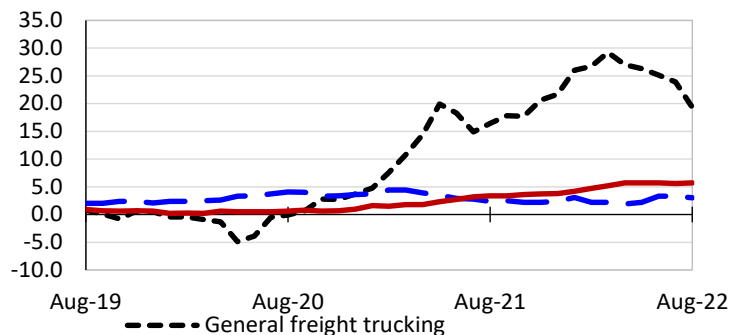
Average annual expenditures, United States and South region, 2021



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide

12-month percent changes in PPI



Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index.

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Charleston area	United States
All occupations	\$24.93	\$28.01
General and operations managers	48.82	55.41
Accountants and auditors	36.20	40.37
Registered nurses	34.94	39.78
Construction laborers	17.67	21.22
Medical assistants	17.63	18.36
Retail salespersons	13.65	15.35

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, May 2021.

Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

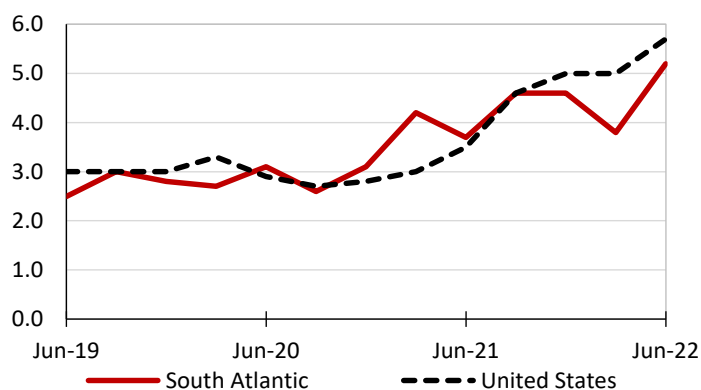
Private industry, June 2022	South Atlantic (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$36.02	\$38.91
Wages and salaries	26.03	27.44
Total benefits	9.98	11.47
Paid leave	2.68	2.87
Vacation	1.37	1.47
Supplemental pay	1.10	1.37
Insurance	2.41	2.96
Retirement and savings	1.11	1.33
Legally required benefits	2.68	2.93

(1) The states that compose the South Atlantic census division are: DE, DC, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, and WV.

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

12-month percent changes in ECI



Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index.